



*Report to the
Auburn City Council*

Action Item

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Agenda Item No.

City Manager's Approval

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Mark D'Ambrogi, Fire Chief
Date: November 23, 2009
Subject: Strategic Plan to Aid in the Prevention of Catastrophic Wildfire in the City of Auburn

The Issue

Shall the Council approve the Strategic Plan to Aid in the Prevention of Catastrophic Wildfire in the City of Auburn?

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Council, by resolution, approve the Strategic Plan to Aid in the Prevention of Catastrophic Wildfire in the City of Auburn.

Background

At the September 28, 2009 City Council Meeting, a recommendation was approved to develop a Strategic Plan to address the City of Auburn's wildfire issues. The fire department and the Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council have developed such a plan that will serve as a guide to assist our community in preparing against potential catastrophic wildfire.

As recommended, strategic priorities have been developed as the basis of this plan. They are:

2009-2010 Strategic Priorities For Areas In And Around The City of Auburn

1. Through education, public outreach, community involvement, and implementation programs, achieve an extremely high level of compliance by all City of Auburn residents and landowners in

establishing “defensible space” on designated properties within our city.

2. Review and evaluate our current ordinances and standards; propose and or amend standards to provide a high level of enforcement authority to assist in compliance of fire safety and protection measures.
3. City of Auburn citizens to create a positive campaign program that identifies the concern and advocates support from Bureau of Reclamation top officials for fuels management on adjacent federal lands, while maintaining good working relationships.
4. Develop a Memorandum Of Understanding between the City of Auburn and the Bureau of Reclamation that provides the ability for the City of Auburn, its’ residents, and or designated individuals. including other agencies; to perform fuel reduction work on adjacent Bureau of Reclamation lands.

Although this strategic plan is presented at this time for approval, many of the components of the plan have been and are being implemented in an effort to aggressively address some of the most concerning issues in a timely manner.

This strategic plan can be considered a “working” document, meaning; specific tasks will continually be identified and monitored for progress of which support the strategic priorities. This plan requires participation from many different stakeholders and supporting agencies such as: The City of Auburn, The Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council, citizens of the community, neighboring fire agencies, the FIREWISE Program, and media services.

To sum up this plan as stated within the plan itself; ***“The intent of this Strategic Plan is to identify actions, individuals, and time frames that will best aid in the prevention of catastrophic wildfire”.***

Fiscal Impact

This plan includes a component to identify costs and includes a funding plan task sheet for the Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council. The intent of funding by the Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council is to support the

implementation of programs and materials to effectively achieve desired results as per the strategic priorities. Fire Department costs will be minimal; primarily staff time and office materials, standard budgeted services provided.

Attachments

Under separate cover and available in the Fire Chief's Office and City Clerk's Office-

Strategic Plan to Aid in the Prevention of Catastrophic Wildfire in the City of Auburn



Mark D' Ambrogi
Fire Chief

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RESOLUTION NO. 09-
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN APPROVING
THE STRATEGIC PLAN TO AID IN THE PREVENTION OF CATASTROPHIC
WILDFIRE IN THE CITY OF AUBURN.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

That the City Council of the City of Auburn does hereby approve the
Strategic Plan to Aid in the Prevention of Catastrophic wildfire in the City of
Auburn as presented to the Council.

The fire department and the Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council are
tasked with implementing this Strategic Plan to Aid in the Prevention of
Catastrophic wildfire in the City of Auburn.

DATED: November 23, 2009

J.M. Holmes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

I, Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk of the City of Auburn, hereby certify
that the foregoing resolution was duly passed at a regular meeting of the City
Council of the City of Auburn held on the 23rd day of November 2009 by the
following vote on roll call:

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:

Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk